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| | .3 | | Morrison Mana | gement Specialists, In | iC. |
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DESIGNATION FORM

(to be used by counsel or pro se plaintiff to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to the appropriate calendar)

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

| CHARLES WASHINGTON | : |
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| 6399 P.O. Box | : |
| Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19139, | . Case No |
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| Plaintiff, | : |
| | : |
| V. | : |
| MORRISON HEALTHCARE, INC. | : : |
| 400 Northridge Road, Suite 600 | · · |
| Atlanta, Georgia 30350, | : |
| Defendent | : |
| Defendant. | • |

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Defendant Morrison Management Specialists, Inc. ("Morrison")¹ hereby files this Notice of Removal of this action to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania from the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1441 and 1332, and in support thereof, states as follows:

I. PROCESS, PLEADINGS, AND ORDERS

- 1. Plaintiff Charles Washington ("Plaintiff") commenced this action on January 20, 2021 by filing a Complaint in the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, captioned *Charles Washington v. Morrison Health Care, Inc.*, docketed at No. 200801757 (the "State Court Action"). A true and correct copy of the Complaint Plaintiff filed is attached hereto at Exhibit A.
 - 2. Plaintiff notified Morrison of the Complaint via email on January 20, 2021.

¹ Morrison Healthcare, Inc. is an improper defendant. The proper defendant is Morrison Management Specialists, Inc. Morrison Management Specialists, Inc. proceeds as if it was the properly named defendant.

- 3. The State Court Action purports to state claims of discrimination, harassment, and other workplace related conduct. The State Court Action also seemingly purports to state a claim related to Morrison's alleged improper reliance on Plaintiff's background check
- 4. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), the attached Exhibit A constitutes all process, pleadings, and orders served upon Morrison or filed or received in this action by Morrison.

II. VENUE

5. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 118(a), 1441(a), and 1446(a), Morrison may remove the State Court Action only to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania because Plaintiff filed the State Court Action, and the State Court Action currently is pending, in the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania. See 28 U.S.C. § 118(a) ("The Eastern District comprises the count[y] of ... Philadelphia"); 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a) ("... any civil action brought in a State court of which the district courts of the United States have original jurisdiction, may be removed by the defendant or the defendants, to the district court of the United States for the district and division embracing the place where such action is pending."); 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a) ("A defendant or defendants desiring to remove any civil action from a State court shall file in the district court of the United States for the district and division within which such action is pending a notice of removal . . .").

III. FEDERAL JURISDICTION

- 9. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1332, federal courts have original jurisdiction over actions in which the matter in controversy exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and is between citizens of different states.
- 10. For diversity purposes, an individual is a citizen of the state in which they are domiciled with the intent to remain. *See Eckerberg v. Inter-State Studio & Publ'g Co.*, 860 F.3d 1079, 1085 (8th Cir. 2017). To be domiciled in a state, a person must reside there and intend to

remain indefinitely. *See Yeldell v. Tutt*, 913 F.2d 533, 537 (8th Cir. 1990). A person may only have one domicile and may be a citizen of only one state for diversity jurisdiction purposes. *See Williamson v. Osenton*, 232 U.S. 619, 625 (1914).

- 11. In his Complaint, Washington states that he resides in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It further appears from his Complaint that he intends to continue to make Pennsylvania his primary residence for the indefinite future. (Compl., ¶ 3). Therefore, Washington is a citizen of Philadelphia for purposes of 28 U.S.C. § 1332.
- 12. For purposes of diversity jurisdiction, a corporation is deemed to be a citizen of the state in which it was incorporated and the state where it has its principal place of business. 28 U.S.C. § 1332(c)(1). A corporation's principal place of business is its "nerve center" the place "where a corporation's officers direct, control, and coordinate the corporation's activities." *Hertz Corp. v. Friend*, 130 S. Ct. 1181, 1192 (2010).
- 13. Morrison is incorporated in the State of Georgia, and its principal place of business and headquarters are located in Atlanta, Georgia. Accordingly, Morrison is a citizen of Georgia, not Pennsylvania, for diversity purposes. *See* 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(a)(1), (c)(1).
- 14. Because the parties are citizens of different states, they are diverse for purposes of diversity jurisdiction. See 28 U.S.C. § 1332
- 15. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(c), Morrison need only establish by a preponderance of evidence that the amount in controversy exceeds the \$75,000 jurisdictional requirement.
- 16. Where removal is based on diversity of citizenship and the initial pleading seeks a money judgment, but does not demand a specific sum, "the notice of removal may assert the amount in controversy," and a removing defendant need only establish that it is more likely than

not that the amount in controversy exceeds the jurisdictional minimum of \$75,000. See 28 U.S.C. § 1446(c)(2)(A).

- 17. Washington's Complaint seeks damages in excess of \$50,000 for all damages suffered, punitive damages, reasonable attorney's fees and costs, declaratory judgment, equitable relief, plus such other relief as this Court deems just and proper, but does not provide a limit on the amount of damages he is seeking. (Compl. WHEREFORE clause).
- 18. According to a reasonable reading of the Complaint, the amount in controversy is in excess of \$75,000. *See Angus* v. *Shiley, Inc.*, 989 F.2d 142, 146 (3d Cir. 1993) (where plaintiff does not set a limit for damages, the court should make a reasonable reading of the value of the claim that plaintiff has asserted and come to an independent valuation of the amount plaintiff has claimed).
- 19. Thus, for jurisdictional purposes, Morrison may remove this action notwithstanding Washington's failure to state precisely an amount of damages exceeding the requisite amount in controversy. *Id*.
- 20. Although Morrison denies the validity and merit of Washington's claims and allegations, and denies that he is entitled to any relief, his damages claim for lost wages and benefits, emotional distress/mental anguish, compensatory relief, reasonable attorney's fees, equitable relief, court costs, with interest as provided by law, and such other and further relief as the Court deems just and equitable establishes an amount in controversy in excess of the jurisdictional minimum of \$75,000. (Compl., WHEREFORE clause).
- 21. By reason of the foregoing and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1441(b) and (c), Morrison desires and is entitled to have this case removed to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

IV. COMPLIANCE WITH PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

21. This Notice of Removal is timely filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b)(3), as it is

being filed on January 25, 2021, which is within thirty days of Morrison's receipt of the Complaint.

22. In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), Morrison has filed this Notice with this

Court, is serving a copy of this Notice upon counsel for Plaintiff, and is filing a copy of this Notice

in the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County.

23. Morrison reserves the right to submit further evidence supporting this Notice

should Plaintiff move to remand.

WHEREFORE, Morrison respectfully requests that this case be removed to the United

States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, that this Court accept jurisdiction of

this action, and that this action be henceforth placed on the docket of the Court for all further

proceedings as though this action had been originally instituted and commenced in this Court.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Rachel Fendell Satinsky

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Dated: January 25, 2021

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Rachel Fendell Satinsky, hereby certify that on this 25th day of January, 2021, I caused the foregoing Notice of Removal to be served, via email, upon the following:

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Attorneys for Defendant Morrison Healthcare, Inc.

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Plaintiff,

CIVIL ACTION – LAW

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

v.

No. 01757

Docket No. 200801757

MORRISON HEALTHCARE, INC.,1

:

Defendant.

NOTICE OF FILING OF NOTICE OF REMOVAL

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Notice of Removal of this action from the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania was duly filed on January 25, 2021 in the United States District

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Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. A true and correct copy of the Notice of Removal is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1446, this Notice, together with the Notice of Removal filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, has effected a removal of this action from the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. This Court should proceed no further unless this case is remanded.

Dated: January 25, 2021 Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Rachel Fendell Satinsky

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL TRIAL DIVISION

: August Term 2020, No: 01757

CHARLES WASHINGTON

MORRISON HEALTHCARE INC.. :

CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM Filing party: Plaintiff, Charles Washington Bv: Timothy P. Creech . Esa. Counsel's address and telephone number (IMPORTANT) Creech & Creech LLC; 1835 Market St., Suite 2626, Philadelphia, PA 19103; P:(215) 575-7618 Part A (to be completed in personal injury cases, including uninsured and underinsured motorist claims) 2. Date of birth of your client: ______ Age on date of occurrence: Unknown Decline to provide NOTE: Date of birth information is intended for the Court's use only. The information will not be made available to the public. 3. Most serious injuries sustained: 4. Is there any permanent injury claimed? Yes No If yes, indicate the type of permanent injury: 5. Dates of medical treatment: 6. Is medical treatment continuing? Yes ____ No___ 7. Has there been an inpatient hospitalization? Yes No 8. Has there been any surgery? Yes____ No____ If yes, indicate the type of surgery:

This form shall be presented to the Case Manager and copies served upon any party not served electronically by the Court at the time of the conference. All present must be prepared to discuss its contents.

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| 9. Approximate medical bills to | o date: \$ | | | |
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| 10. Approximate medical bills | recoverable in this case: \$ | S | | |
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| If yes, what type and approx | ximate amount? | | | |
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| 14. Is there a claim for future lo | ost earning capacity? | Yes N | O | |
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| 16. Do you anticipate joining ac | dditional parties? | | o | |
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Part B

(to be completed in all cases other than personal injury)

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| 2 | Date of birth of your client: Age on date of transaction: |
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| 3. | Is there a writing? Yes No |
| | If yes, is there an allegation that the writing does not contain the entire agreement of the parties? |
| | Yes No |
| 4. | Is the Uniform Commercial Code applicable to this case? Yes No_X |
| 5. | Set forth a summary of facts giving rise to the cause of action: This is a "ban the box" and sexual harassment case. Plaintiff disclosed his criminal convictions |
| | and was hired. Plaintiff's supervisor made sexual advances on Plaintiff, which were rejected. |
| | In retaliation, the supervisor terminated Plaintiff, ostensibly due to the criminal convictions. |
| 6. | Are there any related cases or claims pending? Yes No_X |
| | If so, list caption(s) and docket number(s) or other appropriate identifier(s): N/a. |
| 7. | Specific questions regarding ejectment and other property matters: |
| | (a) How did plaintiff obtain title (Sheriff sale, deed transfer, etc.)? N/a. |
| | (b) Date of Sheriff's sale or deed transfer: N/a. |
| | (c) Date of deed's recording: N/a. |
| | (d) Was a copy of the deed filed with the complaint, if not explain? N/a. |
| | (e) Was there ever a lease, if so when? N/a. |
| 8. | State the amount of damages claimed by Plaintiff: |
| | (a) Direct |
| | (b) Consequential |
| | (c) Other (specify) |
| 9. | Set forth a summary of facts in support of applicable defense(s) or any counterclaim: |
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CHARLES WASHINGTON,

Plaintiff, : NO: <u>200801757</u>

 $\mathbf{v}.$

MORRISON HEALTH CARE, INC.

Defendant. :

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

TIMOTHY P. CREECH, ESQ., certifies that he caused a true and correct copy of the Plaintiff's Case Management Conference Memorandum to be sent on this date *via* regular first-class mail to the following:

Morrison Health Care, Inc. 400 Northridge Rd., Ste: 600 Atlanta, GA 30350

Creecy & Creegh LLC

TIMOTHY P CREECH

DATED: January 20, 2021

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA TRIAL DIVISION - CIVIL

TIMOTHY CREECH CREECH & CREECH LLC 1835 MARKET ST., SUITE 2626 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103

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SCHEDULING ORDER

AND NOW, JANUARY 13, 2021, it is hereby Ordered that:

- 1. A Case Management Order will be issued on January 28, 2021, after 09:00 A.M., subsequent to a review by a civil case manager of the electronic court record, civil docket, and case management memoranda in 613, City Hall, Philadelphia, PA 19107.
- 2. Counsel for Plaintiff is directed to serve a copy of this Order on any unrepresented party or any attorney entering an appearance subsequent to the issuance of this Order.
- 3. Attendance by all counsel of record and unrepresented is waived. No Case Management Conference will be held in Room 613 City Hall.
- 4. Failure to file a Complaint or effectuate service of process prior to the Case Management Order issuance date may result in issuance of a Rule to Show Cause.

- 5. Five (5) days prior to the Case Management Order issuance date, all parties are required to electronically file with the Court and serve upon all opposing counsel and/or opposing parties not electronically served by the court a fully completed Case Management Memorandum. To electronically file the Case Management Memorandum, access the "Existing Case" section of the court's electronic electronic filing system. Select "Conference Submissions" as the filing category. Select "Management Memorandum" as the filing type.
- 6. The Conference will be conducted by a Civil Case Manager who shall act on behalf of the Honorable KAREN SHREEVES-JOHNS.
- 7. This case has been presumptively assigned to the MAJOR NON JURY EXPEDITED Case Management Track. This is subject to modification by a civil case manager.

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- 8. If the case settles prior to the Case Management Order issuance date, counsel shall electronically file a settlement letter. To file the letter electronically, access the "Existing Case" section of the court's electronic filing system. Select "Conference Submissions" as the filing category. Select "Settlement Letter" as the document type.
- 9. Please direct any questions concerning this Order and its contents to CivilCaseManagement@courts.phila.gov.

Click the following link to access important documents related to the scheduled event. http://www.courts.phila.gov/pdf/forms/civil/CMC-105.pdf

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NOTICE TO PLEAD TO: MORRISON HEALTHCARE, INC.

You are hereby notified to file a written response to the enclosed Amended Complaint within twenty (20) days of service hereof or a judgment may be entered against you.

TIMOTHY PLENEECH, Esq.

Counsel for Plaintiff

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CHARLES WASHINGTON

v.

Plaintiff/Employee,

MORRISON HEALTHCARE INC.,

Respondent/Employer.

August Term 2020, No: 01757

COMPLAINT

INTRODUCTION AND PARTIES

Plaintiff Charles Washington by and through his undersigned attorney, submits the following Amended Complaint.

- 1. This complaint involves actions that were taken against Plaintiff. Plaintiff lives at the following address: 6399 P.O. Box., Philadelphia 19139.
- 2. This complaint involves actions taken by Morrison Healthcare, Inc., c/o Corporate Counsel for Compass Group USA Inc. located at 2400 Yorkmont Road, Charlotte, North Carolina 2821.
 - 3. Plaintiff was hired for the position of Cook II on December 23, 2016.
 - 4. The duties of the job include food preparation.

<u>IURISDICTION</u>

- 5. Defendant is covered by the Fair Criminal Records Screening Standards, a Philadelphia ordinance that is enforceable in this Court.
- 6. Defendant is also covered by the Philadelphia the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, Pa. Stat. Ann. tit. 43, § 951 et seq. (the "PHRA"); the Philadelphia Fair Practices Ordinance ("PFPO"); and the Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §2000e et. seq. ("Title VII").
- 7. On June 18, 2020, the EEOC issued a Notice of Right to Sue (*Issued on Request*) on Charge No.: 846-2020-11908. This action was timely commenced by Writ of Summons within 90 days of such notice.
- 8. On January 4, 2020, the PCHR issued "Information about the Right to Sue in State Court" on PCHR Complaint No: 2019-10-02-2254. This action is timely commenced by this Complaint within 90 days of such notice.
- 9. The conduct took place within the city of Philadelphia at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center at the following address: 51 North 39th Street Philadelphia PA 19104.
 - 10. The actions taken were against Plaintiff, 300 days from filing Complaint.

COUNT I

FAILURE TO CONDUCT INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT RESULTING IN

TERMINATION

- 11. Plaintiff was terminated on August 19, 2019 after two and a half years of successful employment in the position of Cook II.
- 12. Defendant erred in concluding that Plaintiff record makes him an unacceptable risk to the operation of the business or to co-workers or customers.
 - A. Nature of the offense:

- In 2015, Plaintiff was convicted of sex-related offenses, all of which are misdemeanors. am not permitted to have unsupervised contact with minors.
- B. Time that has passed since the offense.
 - I. Plaintiff has had no convictions since 2015.
- C. Plaintiff employment history before and after the offense:
 - I. From 2015 to 2016 Plaintiff was employed by a staffing agency as a temporary worker at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center.
 - II. Because of Plaintiff's good performance on the job, in December 2016 he was hired by Defendant on a full-time, permanent basis. Defendant was aware of his conviction history.
 - III. Defendant conducted a background check and found Plaintiff eligible to work.
 - IV. As a full-time permanent employee, Plaintiff continued to perform the duties of his job in a satisfactory manner.
- D. The particular duties of the job:
 - I. The job of Cook II involves food preparation. Plaintiff's position was located in the basement of building where the Atwood Cafeteria is located.
 - II. The job does not involve unsupervised contact with minors.
 - III. Beginning in or around January 2018 Sous Chef Marisa Genovese, Supervisor began telling Plaintiff's co-workers and employees in other departments about his conviction history. Genovese also began disseminating Plaintiff's photograph and conviction history to his co-workers and employees in other departments.
 - IV. In 2018 Genovese began bringing her daughter, who appeared to be approximately4 years old, into the workplace. On many occasions Genovese left her daughter

- alone in the office and in other places where Plaintiff would go during the normal course of the workday. Plaintiff deliberately did not go anywhere near the child.
- V. Shortly thereafter Plaintiff accepted another Cook II job in a different location to get away from Genovese. Plaintiff's new job was located in the cafeteria, on the main floor of same building.
- VI. Genovese scrutinized Plaintiff's work more closely than other similarly situated employees.
- 13. On August 19, 2019, the new Kitchen Director, Joshua Wenger terminated Plaintiff on the basis of his conviction history. Wenger stated Morrison did not hire felons and that Morrison's legal department made a mistake.
 - a. Morrison's legal department did not make a mistake. Plaintiff properly passed Defendant' background check.
 - b. Plaintiff does not have any felony convictions.
 - c. Plaintiff performed his job in a satisfactory manner at all times.
- 14. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's misconduct, Plaintiff suffered injury, including but not limited to lost back pay, lost front pay, lost benefits, severe emotional distress, sleeplessness, anxiety, and other psychic harm.
 - 15. Defendant's misconduct was willful, wanton, reckless and outrageous.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant in an amount greater than \$50,000 for all damages suffered, punitive damages, reasonable attorney's fees and costs, declaratory judgment, equitable relief, plus such other relief as this Court deems just and proper.

COUNT II

SEX DISCRIMINATION/SEXUAL HARASSMENT/RETALATION

16. Repeats and realleges paragraphs 1-13 as if set forth at length herein.

- 17. Plaintiff is a homosexual male.
- 18. Plaintiff's supervisor, Genovese, made unwelcome sexual advances toward Plaintiff.
- 19. Plaintiff rejected those advances.
- 20. Genevese retaliated against Plaintiff for rejecting those advances.
- 21. The reason why Plaintiff's criminal history was brought up (after Plaintiff had been hired and had performed his work as described above) was in retaliation for Plaintiff's rejection of Genovese.
- 22. Genovese held, at all times, *respondeat superior* authority at Defendant's employ. In the alternative, Genovese used her supervisory role to influence those with *respondeat superior* liability to take adverse actions against Plaintiff.
- 23. Respondent's conduct toward Plaintiff constitutes quid pro quo harassment.
- 24. Defendant caused Plaintiff to suffer adverse employment actions that affected Plaintiff's employment in a serious and tangible way with respect to Plaintiff's compensation terms, conditions and/or privileges of employment, as is set forth above and incorporated herein by reference.
- 25. Plaintiff's sexual orientation, homosexual, was a motivating factor or alternatively, a determinative factor in discriminating against Plaintiff.
- 26. Claimant was subjected to severe incidents of sexual harassment. In addition, or in the alternative, Claimant was subjected to pervasive incidents of sexual harassment.
- 27. As a direct and proximate result of Respondent's discrimination, Claimant suffered injury, as set forth above and incorporated herein by reference.

28.

29. Respondent's conduct was knowing, intentional, willful, wanton, reckless and outrageous.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant in an amount greater than \$50,000 for all damages suffered, punitive damages, reasonable attorney's fees and costs, declaratory judgment, equitable relief, plus such other relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

CREECH & CRIECH LLC

TIMOTHY P CREECH

DATED: January 20, 2021

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VERIFICATION

I, CHARLES WASHINGTON, hereby state that I am the Plaintiff in this action. Pursuant to 18 Pa.C.S. §4904, I declare under penalty of perjury that the factual allegations in the foregoing COMPLAINT are true and correct.

CHARLES WASHINGTON

DATED:

01-20-2021